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Convicted Felon found with firearm during arrest of roommate by ICE *Agents sentenced to 84 months in prison for weapons offense*

Washington, D.C. - A Northeast Washington, D.C. man, Readie Van Smith, has been sentenced to 84 months of imprisonment for possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony and possession of marijuana, United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein and Bruce Foucart, Acting Special Agent-in- Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced today.

Smith, 35, formerly of 1113 45 Street, NE, Washington, the D.C., was sentenced on Friday, June 16, 2006, before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon. The defendant was found guilty of the charges by a federal jury on March 23, 2006.

The government's evidence at trial showed that on June 3, 2004, ICE agents went to 1113 45th Street, NE, to arrest Smith's former house mate on immigration charges. After arresting the house mate in his upstairs bedroom, the agents did a protective sweep of the remainder of the floor. In the closet of Smith's room, they found a pistol grip shotgun and an AR-15 semiautomatic assault rifle. After obtaining a search warrant, the agents also found a Star 9mm semi-automatic pistol in Smith's closet, along with ammunition for the shotgun and the AR-15 assault rifle.

At the time of the search, Smith had been sleeping on a couch next to the kitchen area of the home. Under a cushion of the couch was a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. In the kitchen area, the agents found an Intratec 9mm semi-automatic pistol and approximately two pounds of marijuana.

After his arrest, Smith waived his *Miranda* rights and made statements tying himself to the pistol grip shotgun and the AR-15 assault rifle in his closet.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Wainstein and Acting Special Agent-in-Charge Foucart praised the efforts of ICE Special Agents Kinsman Corthel, Ramon Oyegbola, Tom Campbell, Lloyd Temple, Mark Leeper, David Akhamnie, and Camille Barnett, ATF Special Agent Kathleen Dowd, Uniformed Secret Service Officer Anthony Maturo, and Metropolitan Police Department Detective Oscar Mouton. They also thanked Paralegal Eugene



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Lee and former Legal Assistant Janelle Taylor for the assistance in preparing the case for trial. Lastly, they commended Assistant United States Attorney Jay I. Bratt, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.